

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee  
For Meeting of June 3, 2002

Attendees: Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati  
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma  
Al Mazza, City of Sonoma  
Tom Hargis, City of Petaluma  
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma  
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma  
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma  
John Nelson, Water Resources Management  
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa  
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa  
Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa  
Dave Pinsky, City of Santa Rosa  
Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa  
Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency  
Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor  
Ron Theisen, Marin Municipal Water District  
Steve Phelps, Marin Municipal Water District  
Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District  
Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Joe Netter, City of Rohnert Park  
Victoria Vidak-Martinez, City of Rohnert Park  
Joe Gaffney, City of Rohnert Park  
Syed Rizvi, North Marin Water District

Attendees: Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters of Marin  
Geoff Cartwright  
Jo Timmsen, Tell the Truth  
Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee  
Gerry Nakano, West Yost and Associates

**A. Call to Order**

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**B. Introductions**

The attendees made introductions.

### **C. Approval of Minutes**

Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa, motioned to approve the minutes and Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District, seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **D. Public Comment**

Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed protection Committee, said she was disappointed with the public turnout at the last meeting. She also said she would like to see more focus on recharging local aquifers.

Geoff Cartwright shared an original composition stating his feelings about water issues.

### **E. Review Framework Issues considering public input received at Workshop 4**

John Nelson, Water Resources Management, gave a short review of the 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop. He advised the contractors to review the comments gathered from the public at the workshop, which were shown in Attachment C of the packet he handed out.

The contractors reviewed the changes suggested by the public and decided which issues should be negotiated in the agreement. Mr. Nelson said he would make the changes and submit the updated document to the contractors within a few days. He asked the contractors to review this document with their Boards and Councils.

The committee decided to readjust the agenda and discuss items I and J.

### **I. Status Report of SCWA Projects**

Randy Poole, SCWA, passed out a memorandum, which showed the status of Water Transmission Systems Projects. Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati, asked how much capacity would be raised with the completion of Collector 6 and Mr. Poole answered that it would be 92mgd, up from 84, and that the MOU would be in effect until 2005 or 2006.

Ms. Bertolero asked for a document showing an update of the financial plan table. Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, asked if there was any work being done on a filtration plant and Mr. Poole answered no.

### **J. Status on Section 7 Consultation**

Mr. Poole said that a workshop was scheduled in November and a draft document of the costs for various facilities would be written. The draft was scheduled to be finalized in January of 2003 and given to the Army Corp. of Engineers. Then it would be given to the National Marine Fisheries who would have 135 days to write their opinion.

## **F. Revise New Agreement Schedule**

The committee discussed what the next step should be in the negotiation process. Some contractors thought the drafting should be postponed until after the biological assessment was complete. Some thought the Sonoma County Water Agency's draft should be used in writing the WAC's draft. Others thought that the contractors should go back to their boards and councils and then write the draft based on the development of those ideas. There was also some discussion regarding whether the draft should be written in specific legal language or not.

Ms. Torliatt said she did not want SCWA to release its draft. Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District, said he wanted to see a copy SCWA's draft. The agency was asked to document their framework issues and submit them to Mr. Nelson. The contractors decided to approve Mr. Nelson's recommendation that he prepare the first draft using the following key documents: WAC's framework list, 11<sup>th</sup> Amended Agreement, MOU re: Interim Impairment, MMWD agreements, Windsor agreements, and SCWA draft. Mr. Nelson said he would publish a revised negotiation schedule if there were no objections. There were none.

## **G. Facilitation for the Negotiation Schedule**

Mr. Ferris suggested using Interest Based Negotiation process for reaching consensus on key issues. He said a professional facilitator would be brought in to oversee the process. The contractors discussed this suggestion. It was noted that this approach required training of all parties and could be expected to take longer, but often worked well in resolving knotty issues in an amicable manner. Mr. Ferris offered to use City of Santa Rosa staff IBN experts to provide the training. Mr. Harry asked if the cost would be shared among the contractors and Mr. Ferris said that the cost would be paid for out of the Agency's funds. Mr. Ferris said he would send written information regarding this process to all the contractors. It was decided there would be an item on the next agenda to discuss this idea.

## **H. Status of Water Policy Statement**

Mr. Martini said that the Board of Supervisors was supportive of slowing down the process and waiting until the biological assessment came out to finish their water policy statement. They are also open to the idea of meeting with the WAC.

## **K. Enforcement of Section 4(c) of the Temporary MOU**

Ms. Torliatt asked who was responsible for keeping track of surplus use of water by the contractors and whether the SCWA should bill the penalty assessment automatically. Mr. Nelson stated that there may be contract restrictions and requirements for WAC approval. Syed Rizvi, North Marin Water District, said that the agency brings this information to WAC members by periodically publishing the actual usage by each

member; however, no penalty has been assessed against anyone as yet, perhaps because of the effective date of the MOU table. The agency should be able to provide information.

#### **L. Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **M. Items for the Next Agenda**

Items for the next agenda included: Feedback on Framework Issues and Discussion of IBM Negotiation Process.

#### **N. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma  
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